Sl. No	State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
19	Maharashtra	167990	131537	117554	130676	143766
20	Manipur	2234	2766	5556	5095	5042
21	Meghalaya	2017	2760	2730	2669	3800
22	Mizoram	1172	1263	1456	1631	2035
23	Nagaland	994	1035	933	1763	2707
24	Orissa	18871	19474	27152	27080	43238
25	Pondicherry	3224	3212	2541	2322	1203
26	Punjab	29829	27885	20000	22449	23304
27	Rajasthan	66382	84655	93462	98144	105596
28	Sikkim	1675	1640	1250	1403	1724
29	Tamilnadu	74258	77574	80895	89616	96639
30	Tripura	1993	1947	1032	1197	924
31	Uttar Pradesh	225907	206197	207670	153459	164406
32	Uttaranchal	0	0	14725	11194	10872
33	West Bengal	82181	73275	81485	89836	104026
	TOTAL	1141507	1118664	1129076	1147223	1257532

MCI rules on foreign medical students

†2660. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in violation of the orders of Honourable Supreme Court, the Medical Council of India (MCI) is permitting foreign medical students to practice without screening test;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the number of cases where such permission has so far been granted;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the MCI Act, it is mandatory for all the foreign medical students to undergo through screening test; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, Government's reaction with regard to these irregularities being committed by the MCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Only the persons with foreign primary qualifications recognized under section 12 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, under the scheme of reciprocity foreign National Revised Medical Council in India are eligible to practise medicine in India without qualifying in the screening test. Similarly, foreign medical graduates are also permitted to practise medicine for a temporary period as per provisions of section 14 of the Act which shall be limited to the institution to which they are attached for the time being and for the purpose of teaching, research and charitable work.

All Indian citizens possessing foreign primary medical qualification from any other foreign countries are eligible to practise medicine in India only after they have qualified in the screening test as per provisions of section 13 of the Act and the Regulations framed thereunder.

As intimated by MCI, registration to practice medicine to such persons are granted by it in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the regulations framed thereunder and also as **per** the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court contained in C.A. 2779/2000.

Tuberculosis prevention

†2661. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients of tuberculosis is rising continuously in the country;

(b) if so, the number of T.B. patients during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Directly Observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) used for treatment of T.B. is available in whole of the country; and

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